



School Administrators Alliance

Representing the Interests of Wisconsin School Children

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To: Assembly Committee on Education

From: John Forester, Director of Government Relations and Woody Wiedenhoeft,
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RE: Assembly Bill 906

The School Administrators Alliance (SAA) representing the Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services, the Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials, the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators and the Wisconsin Association of District Administrators strongly supports Assembly Bill 906.

Wisconsin Assembly Bill 906 will allow DPI reimbursement to school districts for eligible special education costs incurred for school nurses, social workers, school psychologists and school counselors based on an average per-cent of statewide costs in the above categories. Presently, school administrators and business officials are required to provide detailed time sheets for only school nurses, social workers, psychologists and counselors in order for the DPI to honor reimbursement of special education aid for these eligible categories.

This process is extremely time consuming and inefficient for school districts' staffs because of the unneeded recordkeeping required and the use of a dual reporting system. This will use the limited resources of state aid and human resources more efficiently for the prime mission of educating our schoolchildren at the local level.

Please join us in supporting Assembly Bill 906. If you should have any questions or require additional information on the SAA's position, please contact either Woody Wiedenhoeft at 608-249-8558, wwiedenhoeft@wasbo.com or John Forester at 608-242-1370, john.forester@wsaa.org. Thank you for your consideration.

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